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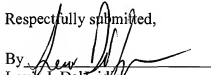
The specification is amended in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78 to make reference to the International Application from which this application originates and to incorporate by reference the Japanese priority application. Also, the specification is amended to conform to U.S. practice and correct informalities. A marked-up copy and a clean copy of the substitute specification are provided.

Claims 9-23 are pending in the application as amended under Article 19 on September 26, 2005. Replacement pages are attached. Claims 1-8 were canceled without prejudice. Claims 9, 10, 12, 15-18, 22, and 23 have been amended to correct informalities. Claims 15, 16, and 18-22 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims. The amendment is made to reduce filing fees and not for any other reason related to patentability of such claims. Claims 24-37 have been added to restore the subject matters that were removed as a result of the amendment, and to further claim what the applicants regard as the invention. New claims are fully supported by the original claims and the specification. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The claim fee was calculated based on the amended claims above. Please examine the application in view of the amendments set forth above.

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